GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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Production of Bio-gas and Other Renewable Energy
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy to encourage the people from the remote and the rural areas to produce Bio-gas and other renewable energy for cooking, heating and other purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) if so, whether the Government is extending any financial or infrastructural assistance to such people; and
(d) if so, the details of the schemes and assistance being provided by the Government to the people of rural and remote areas for production of Bio-gas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing programmes such as National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP), Biogas Power (off-grid) Generation Programme (BPGP), Biomass Gasifier Programme, Unnat Chulha Abhiyan (UCA) Programme, and Solar Home Lighting Systems to meet cooking, heating, lighting, small power and thermal energy needs of people in remote and rural areas of the country.

(c): Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is being provided under the NBMMP, which ranges from Rs.5,500/- to Rs.17,000/- per biogas plant depending on size of biogas plant, region and category of beneficiary. Under the BPGP, CFA is provided ranging from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.40,000/- per kw depending upon the capacity of biogas plant and use of biogas; under the UCA programme, CFA is provided to the beneficiaries ranging from Rs.300/- to Rs.4000/- per cook stove depending upon type and user category. Under Biomass Gasifier Programme, CFA is being provided ranging from Rs.2500 to Rs.15,000 per kilowatt depending upon its use and applications.

(d): Under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP), family type biogas plants are set up for individual households to provide biogas as clean fuel for cooking to the people of rural and remote areas. The details of the Central Financial Assistance being provided under the NBMMP is given at Annexure I. Under Biogas Power Generation (off-grid) Programme (BPGP), biogas plants for decentralized power generation in the capacity range of 25 M3 to 2500 M3 for meeting thermal and electrical energy needs in rural areas are set up based on the availability of waste such as cattle dung, waste from forestry, rural based industries, kitchen waste etc. The details of the Central Financial Assistance provided under BPGP are given at Annexure II.

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